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Advisory Action

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Applicant(s)

RAMANI ET AL.

Examiner

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THE REPLY FILED 07 July 2004 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.

PERIOD FOR REPLY [check either a) or b)]

- a) ☐ The period for reply expires _____ months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
- b) ☒ The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection. ONLY CHECK THIS BOX WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

1. ☐ A Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.
2. ☐ The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because:
- (a) ☐ they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
- (b) ☐ they raise the issue of new matter (see Note below);
- (c) ☐ they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
- (d) ☐ they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: _____

3. ☐ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.
4. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
5. ☒ The a) ☐ affidavit, b) ☐ exhibit, or c) ☒ request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: See Continuation Sheet.
6. ☐ The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.
7. ☒ For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendment(s) a) ☐ will not be entered or b) ☒ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:


Claim(s) allowed: _____

Claim(s) objected to: _____

Claim(s) rejected: 1-20.

Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____

8. ☐ The drawing correction filed on _____ is a) ☐ approved or b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
9. ☐ Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____
10. ☐ Other: _____


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Continuation of 5. does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: The arguments are not considered persuasive: The Applicant's main argument is that Jones et al do not disclose or suggest all the limitations of the claimed invention, specifically related to Jones et al supposed failure to disclose or suggest, "the metadata in the sub-identifier field including linking data generated by the secondary transaction to link the secondary transaction to the active document, wherein the linking data generated by the secondary transaction is used to update the active document if the second transaction has been updated." The Examiner agrees with Applicant that Jones et al document management system provides "context for understanding document history." However, the Examiner respectfully disagrees with Applicant's assertion that said management system precludes Jones et al from updating the active document when changes occur in the secondary document.

The Examiner notes that Jones et al teach wherein the context of the active document history includes information relating to the creation and modification of other documents or objects of interest (column 3, lines 8-12). The term "modification" implies that the changes to the secondary documents are recorded via the active document. The Examiner further notes wherein changes to the secondary documents are recorded in the active documents via URL links (column 6, lines 47-51). This implies that all changes made to the document properties or document resources are still viewable via the URL links and thus update the active document. Finally, Jones et al teach wherein the properties of resources can be edited (updated)(column 10, lines 27-29), which shown above would be viewable via the URL links to the active document. In general, Fig. 7 shows an active document can be continually edited and updated by its task documents and associated resources which in turn can be updated to provide an up to date context history of the active document.

In regards to the minor amendments to the claims, as discussed above it would have been obvious that via the URL links from the active document to the resource documents the active document would be updated when resource document properties were updated.

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